**R1014 Rumination for June 30 2024**

The **T**heme:  **the Rock was Christ**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: …*they drank of that spiritual* ***Rock*** *that ﻿followed them: and that* ***Rock*** *was Christ.* I Cor. 10:4

The **T**hots:

**The Person of the Rock.**

1. **God is the Rock.** **Deut. 32:4**
2. He is the **S**olid Rock*: He is ﻿the Rock, His work is perfect: For ﻿all His ways are judgment:*

*A God of truth and ﻿without iniquity, Just and right is He.*

1. He is the **S**ingular Rock: *There is none holy as the Lord: For there is* ﻿*none beside Thee:*

*Neither is there any ﻿Rock like our God.* I Sam. 2:2

*For who is God, save the Lord? And who is a Rock, save our God?* II Sam. 22:32

1. He is my **S**alvation Rock:

*The God ﻿of my Rock; ﻿in Him will I trust: He is my Shield, and the ﻿Horn of my salvation,*

*my ﻿High Tower, and my ﻿Refuge, My Saviour; Thou savest me from violence.* II Sam. 22:3

1. **So also,** **Christ is the Rock** – ***Moreover, brethren, ﻿I would not that ye should be ignorant…*****I Cor. 10:1-4**

*How that all our fathers were under ﻿the cloud, and all passed through ﻿the sea; And were all baptized ﻿unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same ﻿spiritual meat; And did all drink the same ﻿spiritual drink: for they drank of* ***that spiritual Rock*** *that ﻿followed them: and* ***that Rock was Christ.***

1. The **P**rovision of the Rock – The Historical Event: The **W**andering in the **W**ilderness of **S**in: Exo. 17:1-7
2. The **S**triving of the people – they were **T**hirsting and they Murmured against Moses. 17:1-3
3. The **S**toning **T**hreat against Moses: *They are almost ready to* ***S****tone me.* 17:4
4. God’s **S**olution for their **T**hirst – **S**mite the Rock with God **S**tanding in front of it: 17:5, **6**

*I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel*

1. The **S**ignificant **S**piritual **T**ype: Who then or What was **S**mitten? – Jehovah or the Rock?

Note1: ***I will Stand before thee*** *there upon the rock* *and thou shalt smite the rock.*

Could Moses **S**trike the Rock without **S**triking God **S**tanding in front of the Rock!?

Note2: This was a **T**ype of Jesus being **S**mitten on the Cross for our **Si**n – *the Spiritual Rock was Christ!*

1. The **P**erpetual **P**rotection of the Rock – The Historical Event in the Desert of Zin: Num. 20:**1**, 7-13
2. The People’s **C**omplaint: *there was no water for the congregation…* 20:1, 2-5
3. The Lord’s **C**areful Instruction: (**S**peak to the Rock, not to **S**mite it as before!) 20:7-8

***Speak ye unto the Rock*** *before their eyes and it shall give forth its water,*

*and thou shalt bring forth water out of the rock...*

1. Moses’ non-**C**ompliance: 20:9-11

*And Moses took the rod ﻿from before the Lord, as He commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, ﻿Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And* ***Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice:*** *and ﻿the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.*

1. The **C**onsequences:
2. The **P**roduct: *Water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.* 20:11a

[Sometimes when we **D**isobey, **G**od will still **D**isplay His **G**race toward us! But will Punish us later]

1. The **P**enalty: *And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ﻿ye believed Me not, to ﻿sanctify Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.* 20:12
2. Moses **S**poiled the **P**rospective **P**icture of Christ, the Rock, being **S**truck Once Only for our **S**in.

Ct. *We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ* ***once for all.*** Heb. 10:10

*For by* ***a single offering*** *He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.* 10:14

1. **Picture of the Rock Promised for our Personal Provision and Protection:** ***Shelter in the Rock***
2. *And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon a* ***rock****:* Exo. 33:21
3. *And it shall come to pass, while My glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the* ***rock****,*

*and will cover thee with My hand while I pass by:* 33:22

1. *He is the* ***Rock****, His work is perfect: For all His ways are judgment: A God of truth and without iniquity,*

*Just and right is He. Deut. 32:4*

1. *The Lord is ﻿my* ***Rock****, and ﻿my fortress, and my deliverer; The God ﻿of my Rock; ﻿in Him will I trust:*

*He is my ﻿shield, and the ﻿horn of my salvation, my ﻿high tower, and my ﻿refuge.* II Sam. 22:2, 3

1. *The Lord liveth; and blessed be my* ***R****ock; And exalted be the God of the Rock of my salvation.* 22:47
2. *For thou art my* ***R****ock and my fortress; Therefore for Thy name’s sake lead me, and guide me.* Psa. 31:3
3. *He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay,*

*And set my feet upon a Rock, and established my goings.* Psa. 40:2

***R****ock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;*

*Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed,*

*Be of sin the double cure; Save from wrath and make me pure.* A. M. Toplady

**Points To Ponder:**

*The* ***Rock*** *is our* ***S****piritual* ***S****tronghold* **–** *it* ***S****aves,* ***S****helters and* ***S****ecures,* ***S****o different from the* ***S****and!*